Cottonwood Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement

1. **Responsible Agency:** United States Department of the Interior

Bureau of Land Management

2. **Type of Action:** Administrative (X) Legislative (

3. **Document Status:** Draft (X) Final ()

- 4. **Abstract:** This Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement describes and analyzes four alternatives for managing approximately 143,830 acres of public lands and resources administered by the Bureau of Land Management's Cottonwood Field Office in Latah, Clearwater, Nez Perce, Lewis, Idaho, and Adams Counties of north-central Idaho. The plan alternatives are Alternative A (the "no action" alternative or continuation of current management), Alternative B (the agency preferred alternative), Alternative C (minimal active management/preservation emphasis), and Alternative D (commodity/utility emphasis). Planning issues addressed include invasive plant species, forest vegetation, special status species and habitats, priority watersheds or areas for conservation and/or restoration strategies, motorized and nonmotorized travel, levels of commercial uses (minerals, forest products, livestock grazing, and recreation), fuels reduction, adjusting land ownership, and existing and future recreation demand. The draft alternatives also address designation of Areas of Critical Environmental Concern and the eligibility and suitability of river segments for designation under the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.
- 5. **Review period:** The review period on the Cottonwood Draft Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement is 90 calendar days. The review period begins when the Environmental Protection Agency publishes a Notice of Availability in the *Federal Register*.
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